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Smaller temporary security zone established off Camp Pendleton for military exercise

SAN DIEGO -- The Coast Guard established a revised new temporary security zone in the waters adjacent to Camp Pendleton, California. The zone is in effective from March 22 through April 15, 2002. The zone replaces the longer and larger zone established in February.

The United States Navy will conduct Operation Native Atlas 2002, a joint military exercise, at Camp Pendleton. This exclusionary zone is necessary for the security of the Naval facilities and operations and also to protect the public from potentially hazardous operations. As part of the exercise, two causeway piers will be anchored off Red Beach. The piers, one of which extends 1260 feet from shore, may be in place until April 24th.

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The security zone runs from almost due west from the northern and southern Camp Pendleton lights and extends approximately 3 miles from shore. Entry in to the area is prohibited unless specifically permitted by the U.S. Navy Force Security Officer. The Force Security Officer can be reached at (619) 437-9828 or at (619) 437-9480 after working hours.

The Coast Guard is broadcasting Information on the security zone and hazards on marine radio channel 16.

For further information about this temporary security zone contact Lieutenant Commander Rick Sorrell, Chief of Port Operations, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego, at (619) 683-6495.

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The text of the security zone and a chartlet of the zone are available on our web site at www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso. Red lines on the chartlet show the zone. The red circle shows the approximate locations of the causeway piers.

For further information about the Native Atlas exercise contact Navy Commander John Leyerle at (619) 556-2800 or Commander Mark Eckel at (619) 556-1482.